

CLAIMS

1. Cable comprising at least two elongated elements chosen from a group consisting of steel tubes (1, 2), optical fibre cables (3), electrical cables (4), and combinations thereof, arranged side by side within a common outer cover (5) along the length of the line and where at least one of the elongated elements (1, 2) has a passive metal outer surface, said outer cover (6) allowing entrance of corrosive agent to the interstices between elements, characterized in that at least one of the elements (1, 2) with passive metal outer surface is provided with an outer layer (1A, 2A) formed of a material with open structure for water passage and having controlled thickness.
2. Cable according to claim 1, characterized in that said outer layer is of fibrous material.
3. Cable according to claim 2, characterized in that said outer layer (1A, 2A) is of woven material.
4. Cable according to claim 2 or 3, characterized in that the fibrous material of the outer layer (1A, 2A) is chosen among synthetic fibres such as polyester, polyamide or combination of these materials.
5. Cable according to claim 2 or 3, characterized in that the fibrous material of the outer layer (1A, 2A) is chosen among natural fibres such as cotton or other plant fibres or wool.
6. Cable according to claim 1, characterized in that said outer layer is of a non-fibrous material with evenly distributed voids.
7. Cable according to one preceding claim, characterized in that said outer layer consists of a tape wound around the surface of the said element with passive metal outer surface.
8. Cable according to one preceding claim, characterized in that said outer layer consists of a tape arranged longitudinally along the surface of the said element with passive metal outer surface.
- 30 9. Cable according to one preceding claim, characterized in that said outer layer has a minimum thickness of 0.1 mm.

10. Subsea line according to one preceding claim, corrosive agent being seawater.